# MINUTES Student Affairs Stakeholder Group April 30, 2010 Department of Higher Education Conference Room B

Brown Bag Working Lunch 11:30am – 1:30pm

#### I. Meet and Greet

<u>In attendance:</u> <u>Present by phone:</u>

Frank Sanchez – UCD

Derek Morgan – CSM

Dan Fox – CSM

Barbara Gaddis – UCCS

Gary Pierson – WSC

Ken Marquez – ASC

Zav Dadabhoy – CSU-P Kriss Larsen for Glenna Sexton – FLC

Kathy MacKay – MSCD Erin Hoag – CCCS

Cheryl Lovell – DHE Patricia Matijevic – Aims

Vicki Leal – DHE Frank Terry for John Marshall – MSC

Maia Blom – DHE Raul Cardenas – UNC

Dr. Cheryl Lovell – new Chief Academic Officer for DHE was introduced and shared a bit about her background with the group.

Dr. Kim Poast – new Deputy Director for DHE was introduced and shared a bit about her background with the group.

## II. DHE/Higher Ed Updates (Vicki Leal)

#### a. Higher Education Strategic Planning (HESP) (Kim Poast)

Dr. Poast gave an update on the higher education strategic planning process. It was begun in January 2010 and is to be completed by November 4, 2010. The HESP website is

http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/StrategicPlanning/default.html. There is a wealth of information about HESP on the website. All the HESP meetings are open to the public, the Steering Committee meetings, as well as all the subcommittee meetings. Meeting schedules are on the website. A Student Forum (Student Strategic Planning Discussion) was held on April 24, 2010. Thirty students attended; they were extremely bright and had good ideas. They also felt like DHE was advocating on their behalf.

Dr. Poast is willing to speak about HESP at any student affairs meetings that different campuses might have.

Tuition Flexibility Bill (SB 03): This bill was recommended in part by the HESP Steering Committee. The IHE plans need to include how they will protect lower and middle income students. There is a sunset clause in the bill. Aspects of the bill still being discussed: exemption of 20% cap/limit on financial aid allocations; can tuition be used to fund as IHEs see fit (not just financial aid); finding a balance between financial aid and tuition. The session ends May 12, 2010. Once the Governor signs the bill it will take effect in 2011/2012.

Handouts from Dr. Poast were forwarded to the group via email on 5/3/2010.

#### b. WICHE/Non-traditional No More (NTNM) Grant (Matt McKeever)

NTNM grant has been wrapped up. A quick reference overview document was handed out at the meeting.

Handouts were forwarded to the group via email on 5/3/2010.

# **c.** LUMINA/Making Opportunity Affordable (MOA) Grant (Matt McKeever) DHE did not get the MOA grant.

## d. LUMINA – new grant (Matt McKeever)

This grant offers a 4-year opportunity. It has a focus on adult degree completion — focusing on those adult learners who already have some credits toward a degree. Lumina is looking to expand existing programs and not to start any new programs. The pre-proposal is due May 14, 2010. It is still in the conceptualization stage. The following agencies / IHEs are working on the proposal: CCCS, CSU-Global, MSCD, Regis University, College in Colorado, DHE, Dept of Labor & Employment. Grant funding will take place in September 2010.

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#### e. Concurrent Enrollment (HB09-1319) (Matt McKeever)

The ASCENT and PSEO programs are being clarified and combined in this bill. A Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board (CEAB) has been meeting since November 2009. They have created an application form, templates for contracts between the high school and the IHE, and have recommended rules to the State Board of Education (SBOE). These recommended rules will be voted on by SBOE on June 2 or 3. CEAB will work on policy recommendations and communications plan and outreach next. COF and admissions policies will be impacted by this legislation. School districts will pay tuition at the community college level (not the 4-year tuition level). There will be some flexibility – school district or parents can pick up the gap for the 4-year tuition level.

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#### f. CCHE Work Plan (Cheryl Lovell/Vicki Leal)

This CCHE plan now intersects with HESP and legislation. There are three ideas in the work plan:

- 1. Performance Contract Review to determine how effective the PCs have been as an accountability tool, and to see if the IHEs have accomplished their established goals.
- 2. Achievement Gap based on the NCHEMS description; the HESP Pipeline and Accessibility subcommittees are also studying this issue and will make a recommendation to the CCHE; HB06-1024 report is also being revisited this report coordinated all services offered by IHEs to the underserved student.
- 3. Innovations & Efficiencies identify scalable innovation ideas for statewide use; create incentives for staff members to bring forth good ideas.

## g. Legislative Update (John Karakoulakis, invited but unable to attend; Vicki Leal led the discussion)

<u>HB 1208</u>: Statewide Transfer Agreements – 14 agreements are to be completed by 2016. Four agreements are done already (with some recalibration) – Business, Engineering, Early Childhood, Elementary Education. Seven more (Biology, Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Math, Psychology, Spanish) were approved at the Spring 2010 Faculty-to-Faculty conference. They will be finalized by the GE25 Council in the upcoming months. More workshops need to be held around the state regarding gtPathways and the General Education core courses – especially for student advisors. DHE will soon overhaul its gtPathways / transfer articulation website.

SB 088: 2-year degrees will be offered with academic designations.

<u>SB 108</u>: allows private, for-profit colleges to participate in gtPathways. The private institutions will be expected to pay for the reviews.

## h. 212/CAP4K (SB 08-212 – Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids) (Vicki Leal/Maia Blom)

On March 31, 2010, the 212 CDE/DHE team finished a series of meetings around the state to gather feedback on what a redesigned assessment system should look like. The data from these meetings are currently being processed. The 212 legislation requires a recalibration of HEAR (higher education admission requirements) by 2014. It also includes an 11<sup>th</sup> grade assessment that could hopefully reduce the need for remediation. If a student passes the 11<sup>th</sup> grade assessment successfully, s/he is guaranteed admission to a moderately selective institution. There is currently "cleanup" legislation (HB 1013) in the House that could delay some of the deadlines in 212.

# III. Student Complaints & Institutional Organizational Structures – follow-up (Vicki Leal/Maia Blom)

The materials requested from each school at the last meeting (organizational charts, student health insurance policy, and judicial policies) will be inventoried and addressed via email by Maia Blom.

There has been a rise in "student affairs" types of complaints received by the DHE. Frank (UCD) has observed an increase in students who are challenged in the realm of interpersonal communications because of their use and reliance on "social media" (iPods, iPhones, cell phones, texting, Facebook, etc.).

## IV. Report out by IHEs

<u>UCD</u>: enrollment is up; they have an enrollment management consultant on campus to look at online and hybrid courses; they are recalibrating their revenue streams vis-à-vis student fees and federal grants; a strategic plan will be completed for the Student Affairs division.

<u>MSCD</u>: has added conflict resolution specialists to their corps of employees who respond to student complaints. They have seen an increase in complaints that are more violent in nature.

<u>CSM</u>: has seen an increase in graduate students using the mental health benefit (200% increase). They have also seen more issues involving a lack of civility. There has also been an increase in staff grievances.

# V. Discussion about creating a Student Affairs Council (purpose, scope of responsibilities, membership, meeting schedule)

It was the general consensus that this group should have "council" status – similar to Academic Council. [One suggested name: Student Affairs & Enrollment Council. It was noted that enrollment and student affairs issues are different areas so enough time should be allotted for each at the meetings.] The Student Affairs Council should meet on a monthly basis. It was also discussed that a longer, "summit"-style meeting should be held once a term so we can all get together face-to-face. A longer meeting will be scheduled for this summer and regularly scheduled meetings will start up in the fall. Maia will send out a survey to all members to find out the best time and day for the majority of members. She will also see when would be a good time for the Student Affairs Summit meeting this summer.

#### VI. Other – NA